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U.S. SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS  
August 2, 1961

Dear Senator: Enclosed you will find a resolution, urging the immediate resumption of nuclear testing, which I plan to introduce at an early date.

As you know, we have observed a voluntary moratorium on nuclear tests for almost 3 years now, without any assurance that the Kremlin has been observing a reciprocal moratorium. In view of the fact that the Soviets have violated more than 1,000 treaties and agreements, there is, to put it mildly, a grave chance that they have not observed their side of the honor moratorium.

As you know, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Atomic Energy Commission and many of the members of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, who have access to all the information, have repeatedly urged the early resumption of nuclear weapons testing.

I would also like to point out that there exists no commitments, bilateral or otherwise, which would prevent us from resuming tests forthwith. President Eisenhower informed the world on December 29, 1959, that, because of the lack of progress at the Geneva Test Ban Conference, we would not further renew or extend the moratorium but would reserve the right to resume nuclear testing, with due notice to the international community.

I believe that this resolution reflects the attitude of the great majority of the American people and the great majority in Congress. I also believe that it could only be helpful in the present situation if the Senate passed such a "sense" resolution.

By its nature, this resolution should be introduced with broad bipartisan backing. I am therefore inviting members of both parties to join me in sponsoring the measure.

If you wish to be listed as a cosponsor, would you kindly advise Miss Jean Wegner in my office?

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS J. DONN

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### Government by Leak

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. ROBERT H. MICHEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 1, 1962

Mr. MICHEL. Mr. Speaker, in view of today's statements in the press regarding President Kennedy's forthcoming announcement on nuclear air tests, I feel compelled to point out that this is a perfect example of Government by "leak" and reinforces my speech of February 21 concerning the President's hesitancy and indecisiveness on this question.

I am sure the leaders of both parties in the Congress would be interested in knowing of President Kennedy's thinking on this vital issue. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee I am particularly concerned since we have to appropriate the money for these projects. I cannot understand why the President feels it necessary to "leak" information to the New York Times, in a sense asking them what they think he should do.

I know that the majority of the Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle know what we should do and all feel affronted that the President does not see fit to be frank and open, even with members of his own party, on his final decision. The reasons for my conviction as to the thoughts of my colleagues are best illustrated in a letter from Senator THOMAS J. DONN dated August 2, 1961, to all of his colleagues in the Senate. I wish to include the letter at this point, all call special attention his remarks concerning President Eisenhower, which I referred in my speech of February 21.

The letter follows:

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